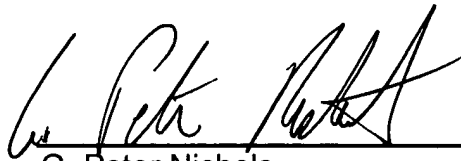


**Remarks**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. It is believed that the present claims are patentable and notification to that effect is requested. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276.

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